THE THIRD PART,

PRICE ONE PENNY,

OF THE MOST

Important Discovery

EVER MADE KNOWN TO

MANKIND.

BY AN IMPRISONED REFORMER.

WHEREIN THE MEANING OF

DESTRUCTION, BANISHMENT, AND

DAMNATION,

IS CLEARLY SHEWN,

AND THAT THERE IS NO PLACE OF

TORMENT FOR MANKIND

HEREAFTER.

"But there were false teachers among the people, even as there shall be among you, who privily shall bring in Damnable Heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." *2nd Epistle of Peter, chap.* ii. *verse* 1.

KIND READER,

I was once one of the false teachers, foretold, that should be in the latter time, and the very worst of them too, being exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my Fathers, supporting the Good Old Way, (as the cant phrase is,) the Old System of Christianity, and being naturally a subtle Serpent; yea, I was Lucifer himself, (come don't be alarmed,) i. e. a false Spiritual Light, by which the Bible might be twisted to a thousand different meanings, which all the Evangelical Preachers, (so called) do, more or less according to their various abilities: but it pleased the Lord to buy me over to his side, and I will tell you very honestly how he did it: you have heard much among the Evangelical Preachers and people, of the Lord buying them with his Blood. But what blood? Is it the blood that flowed from a Man's body? Fanaticism indeed, a poor weak beggarly notion, taught by Old Nurses and Old Doating Divines!—Now God was pleased to visit and send his Angel to inform me that I was a Chosen Vessel unto him, to bear his name, *and the Lord breathed into me the Breath of Life, that was his Blood, for the Blood is the Life*, and the time was now come to sow the Garden enclosed with this seed, that the ground might produce a MAN, and of this chosen spot, it is written, "A Garden enclosed, is my Sister, my Spouse, a Spring shut up, a Fountain sealed."—so a man may fix upon a bit of ground, and dig it, lay it out, and fence it round as Land fit for his purpose, and likely to be prolific after seed shall be sown therein, so he sets the piece of ground apart in his mind, and prepares fences, and encloses it, intending at seed time to sow the seed in it that will produce what he desired. Now the Husbandman, or Gardener, may have something particular, either in Trees, Shrubs, Plants, or Fruits, that he wants to rear, and All Land would not suit his purpose, because it is well known that there are different Kinds of Ground, and you would allow him to be the best judge of what Kind of Land would suit his purpose best.—you, who might be of a different calling, and know no thing about Gardening, would not take upon you to direct a Husbandman, his choice of a spot of Land. But if you were to attempt it, the Husbandman would not be so unwise as to say to you, No, he would say, I am the best judge of my business, go and mind your own. *Well the Eternal Spirit God, is compared in Scripture, to a Husbandman, who fixed in his decree, to produce the Tree of Life in the Latter time, and pray must he not have a piece of ground to sow the seed in, or how should this Tree, so long promised, be produced without the seed being sown in the Earth? (i. e. a Man,) for the thing in outward nature, represents the Spiritual, and shall this Wise*

Husbandman ask you to choose out a person for him, whose Mind, or Ground, would be like lyto bear such a Tree as he desires. Pray friend, who, or what kind of person would choose, for so great a work. Perhaps a Divine, a very Learned, Pious, Judicious, and Wise Person such a one some would think most fit; but the friend, this Great Husbandman says to you, (who would dictate to him, and despise the bit of Ground that he is pleased to choose,) as Appelle's said to the Cobler, who found fault with the Picure that the Painter had drawn, first the Cobler found fault with the Shoe, saying, there were not stitches enough to the shoes, the Painter altered it and next day the Cobler coming by found fault with the whole leg, "Cobler," said the Painter, "go home, and keep to your last." Let those who imagine that they are wise enough to dictate to Infinite Wisdom, remember this, for I was reproved for such work, and I thank my God for the reproof.

Now it was the Great Husbandman, God, that visited me, and chose me for his Garden, and digged, fenced and made an hedge about me, &c. &c., for he knew I should answer his purpose, i. e. to bring forth Truth, Light and Life or Faith, Hope, and Charity, that Holy Trinity: and the Spirit of God gave me a mind, working in me a power to conceive the Spiritual Life, that God decreed to send forth into the world, which Life is called Man, and the Scripture also calls it, (Adam) and prior to this there was no Man! No Man, says one, what then have we all been? Why I do not mean to offend you, but you was not Man, for I was myself nothing but a two-legged Beast prior to this, and now I am only a Beast, with a Man's heart, and those beings hitherto called Man, however learned and refined, were no better than the Beast. They were not Spirtual, but only Shadows of the future race of Real Man, which from this time shall rise up to people the whole Globe, and remain on the Earth to everlasting ages. Sorrow and pain will not be known among them, such will live in entire delight of Love with their Maker, and with each other, and Wisdom and Love shall be their King and Queen. But to proceed, God worked in me all manner of lovely ideas, such beauties, and charming prospects of Eternity, that it became my very food to meditate therein. God's promises were so sweet, and the belief in the fulfilment of them so strong, and the love that ere long I should be in the enjoyment of them: and exceeding great and precious promises were made me, that I should become a partaker of the Divine Nature, now I was captivated with these things, and I WAS BOUGHT, God breathed into me his Living Breath, and I became a Living Soul. God bought me with his Blood, i. e. his Life. Then was I put into Eden, and pure pleasure, and perfect tranquility reigned over all my nature. I was united to the Supreme Eternal Reason, so that I was in that State called Paradise, the Joys of which no pen can describe. It was the first Sabbath the sign, foretaste, and earnest of the Eternal, Permanent, and Everlasting Paradise of Bliss, that Eternal Sabbath that Man shall enjoy! I was taken into this State that I might

know to a certainty the nature of that State which God hath prepared for Man, and that I might make it known to my fellow men, that such a State there is for them. But in the midst of all this Glory, alas, alas! an evil thought arose in my mind, I doubted and looked back. I looked back into old nature again, here was the looking back of Lot's Wife, the fulfilment of that figure. I lost Paradise, and fell from that Glory, yet, behold how the evil works, for the looking back becomes the Pillar of Salt, unto this day. Here was the Death of Jesus, i. e. of the heavenly life, and misery and woe was the consequence, of which mental sufferings you may read throughout the Scriptures, thus I remained for a time, exiled from the Eternal Providence, in darkness that is called Death, for I doubted, and was damned, and the wages of this sin was death, and after that the judgment, i. e. right judgment of God and his word,—here then was the only Sin that ever was committed against God, which no one but myself could ever commit, no one else having ever been in the same State, therefore, in Truth I was the Only Sinner that ever has been, thus I denied the Lord that bought me, and brought upon myself swift destruction, having privily admitted into my mind the damnable heresy, (*UNBELIEF*,) and to me it was damnable, and into that damnation I certainly fell, through unbelief, for at first I denied the Lord that bought me, and brought upon myself swift destruction, but the rising again of the life, IS ETERNAL, and has for ever destroyed Old Self, and now I am the Man in Christ, foretold in Scripture; so the Old Heavens and the Old Earth are folded up, and passed away, and the New Heavens and the New Earth remains permanent, without a change, save only to increase Thus after all the Lord has got his bargain, he knew when he bought me at first, (by giving me his Spirit,) that I should deny him, and he bought me to be his servant, for this very purpose, that the evil should work the greatest good that ever was enjoyed; so that at last I should become his Son, for being overcome by doubting after such a Glorious Manifestation and tasting of the powers of the world to come, it has for ever humbled me, and wrought obedience unto Life Eternal; and I have learned obedience by the things which I have suffered.

Now you have frequently heard, when any character, such as Southcott, Brothers, Turner, Wroe, &c. have risen up to foretell of this that we now report unto you, for it was for that purpose they were inspired; but when their prophecies were sent out into the world, O how the Preachers of all sects warned their hearers against false Prophets, O what zeal did the Evangelica's display, O what care of their flocks to warn them against characters, that would arise in the latter time, who will even deny the Lord that bought them, do not read any of their blasphemous books, if you do, everlasting torments will be your portion, for these pretended Prophets (cried they) are those the Scriptures speak of, who will deny the Lord that bought them, and will bring upon themselves swift destruction. Behold then from this,

the manifest ignorance of all those Preachers, what did they know of God's plan? Not that I am blaming them, for they knew just as much about it as I did, but the secret was hid from All living. Yet, if the Lord bought a Man, or the whole race of human beings, reason must tell every one, that Being who possessed that power could not be mistaken in his purchase, and would have what he bought in spite of all opposing powers, and as he has bargained for all the Human Race, he will have them, ERROR, AND DELUSION, AND PRIESTCRAFT, SHALL NOT HAVE ONE ON THEIR SIDE, ERE LONG, WITH PRIESTCRAFT THE PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING NOW EVERY WHERE TO FALL OUT, AND THEY WILL DESTROY IT.

Then God hath set me forth as a pattern unto all, you see how I denied the Lord that bought me, I was as much afraid of committing this great sin, as many of the Preachers or their people could possibly be, and ever shuddered at the thought; but that which I greatly feared came upon me, and I fell into Everlasting damnation. Everlasting damnation, says one, how could that be, and here you are now? Hearken, you have not understood the subject of Everlasting damnation, and banishment from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power, &c. The damnation, or condemnation, remained upon me, until the destruction of Old Righteous Self, the Devil, was accomplished, it never ceased, but everlasted until the sinning principle was rooted out, I remained banished from all idea of hope, until sin was punished and made an end of. But yet did the Merciful God devise means that his banished might return. Now the professing Christian world have believed, that whosoever should commit the great sin of denying the Lord that bought them, that the person or persons sinning so, must remain in fiery torments for ever. But, O unreasonable man, that preaches such doctrine, shut thy mouth, and do not disgrace God any more, nor represent him as such a Monster. Would it be like a God of Mercy, so to punish? No,—he punishes to cure—to destroy the mortal disease, and to make us Immortal, and here am I, now in heaven with my Lord, after enduring the damnation threatened against him that should deny the Lord, that bought him. For I rebelled through the influence of darkness, and sold myself for naught, and he bought me back again without money, so the Lord has his bargain after all, how true then is the Scripture, viz. "Thou turnest man to destruction, and again sayest, return ye children of men."

Now I know what is meant by the word Returned' or Restorde, Read the 5th chapter of Job, and mark particularly the 24th verse. "And thou shalt know thy Tabernacle in peace, and thou shalt visit thy Habitation, *and shalt not Sin.*" Read also Jer. chap L. verse 17 to 20.

In those days, and at that time saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and none, and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve." Now can words be plainer, to assure you that mankind should have their sins taken away, i. e. they should have knowledge given from God to see that

they have no sins, all their ideas of being sinners are imaginary, for all are as nature formed them, and none of the human race ever could sin. Ju Judah, i. e. Zion, the writer of this, and yet it was not he that sinned neither, for it was through ignorance that he obeyed the dark Spirit, but here you see his sins shall be sought for, and there shall be none: no, he is pardoned, and now enjoys that for which he was reserved, and he now tells you the truth. Sin is ended, there is no damnation, nor Hell torments, AND IN FACT THERE NEVER WAS ANY SUCH THING FOR MAN; do not let Priests feed upon you any longer, this dark Demon Priestcraft, is the root of all misery to man, and now Zion lays this Axe to the root of it, come and help me to cut down the Cumberer of the ground. I was the dupe of the Wolf once, I had the vile beast in my stomach, but I spewed him out of my mouth. See Genesis, 49th chapter. "Benjamin shall ravine like a Wolf, in the morning he shall devour his prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil." Benjamin signifies God's building, (viz. man,) "Ye are God's building." Huzza, who shall charge us with sin, God has elected us all, and does pronounce us without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Away then with black Priestcraft from the earth, it is not fit to live among us, for that has made us all miserable beings, and now the hand of Judah is in the neck of his enemies, as God promised unto him, and you must all have Judah's faith, viz. what he said when his daughter-in-law outwitted him, "She is more righteous than I," i. e. Judah submits to the righteousness of God, and triumphs over all sin, by wisdom, this is the Glad Sound of Gospel Grace. Man is elected to everlasting happiness, and Priestcraft to shame and everlasting contempt; the Devil is forlorn, and none to vote for him, for man elects Love and Wisdom, the Lord's Christ, for his King, and rejects the old dotard and devouring Wolf, who threatened him with "damnation and devouring flames." For SHILOH THE DAY OF LIGHT IS COME; "TO HIM SHALL THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE BE."

But O, what a character shall I have now among the generation "who are wise or right in their own eyes, and yet are not cleansed from their filthiness," O, say they, (casting up their eyes) what a wicked man that is, to tell the world that none of their doing is sin. If this is allowed, and if the people are not kept in awe with the fears of future torment, they will commit all manner of vile deeds. But what wrong judgement is this, what ignorance of God, and also of human nature does it betray; what a savage must that man be, who would fill his wife and children with continual terror of him by a line of brutal conduct toward them to compel the wife to perform her duty, and the children to be obedient, what beauty would there be in an obedience produced by such a practice, or what pleasure would it afford; a wife and family might obey under such treatment, while they could not help themselves, but as soon as they could, they would run from such tyranny. *How much more noble and generous for a man so to conduct himself toward his wife and family, or servants, as to compel them to love him, and what*

a much more powerful stimulus to sincere and swift obedience, than that brutal system of severity and cruelty Priests and Kings have ever acted upon to compel the people to obedience, the one to the Ecclesiastical Laws, and the other to that of the state; but they will find it a bad policy in the end, for the people are getting weary of oppression exercised by both of these powers.

The laws of love should have gained the peoples hearts, whereas the contrary conduct makes them dissatisfied, and they will now free themselves from the domination of priests &c. for they will see the love of God toward them and cast off falsehood. But love will produce that obedience unto God, which the terrors of hell could never effect; many a man through despairing in God's mercy, has given himself up wholly to dissipation. The doctrines preached left him no hope for salvation; he heard those things that made him afraid of God, and wanted to hide himself from him if possible, as he thought he was too wicked to be saved, and so has either gone mad, or become desperate, and cared not what he did. This has been the effect of hell fire preaching in thousands of people. But now it shall be proved there is no such state of torment, for "God is love," and a state of Eternal Happiness is prepared for man: this shall be cleared from that Bible from which tyrannical kings and bloody priests have stolen their authority for committing all manner of cruelties upon mankind, and Oh! what a relief will this be to the mind of man, it will fill the heart with joy and gladness, instead of a rueful countenance, the aspect of despair, each face will be like a sun to each other, beaming forth pleasure and delight; the dispositions of men will be changed thereby, and their hearts cast in the mould of divine love, will become love itself. Gaiety, happiness and cheerfulness, will be every where seen, and not one disposed to commit an act of violence upon another. Gentleness, Truth, and Goodness will be known, and nothing else but fervent love towards our everlasting lover, God, and toward one another; all selfishness will be overcome, and the world will become as one happy family. O come and join with me to hasten to this happy state, and you will see the truth of those words, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour," which neighbour is first our God, and then each other. The first step then to real and universal reformation, is to kill the Devil, and by the Devil I mean evil thoughts of God, which represents that Being, whose nature is love, as a terrible and revengeful God. Whoever preaches Hell torments for a man after death, there is the Devil, the Wolf is in that man's belly, the accuser of mankind is in him, there is Haman, *i. e.* the maker of uproar. Hang him upon his own gallows by taking the Scriptures in your hand, and with it put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. God has decreed, that the Beast shall now be slain, and that men on the earth shall be free from sin and sorrow, and shall know and enjoy the love of God.

N. B. The writer of this is fully aware how very startling the Doctrine he has brought forth must be to the Old Professing Christian

World (so called;) but he now challenges all "the leaders of the people," to bring forth their arguments against it, and pledges himself to answer every objection that can be advanced, until every stumbling block is removed out of the way: for every part of Scripture that has perplexed mankind, will now be opened, and clearly explained, so that every seeming Curse and Threatening will be turned into blessings by proving they were all blessings in disguise.

So kind Reader, for the present
I bid thee farewell,
ZION-WARD.